

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 11

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# PELHAM SLATE

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# M.V.P. / CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

The Town was awarded a **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness** grant of \$137,250 to help Pelham move forward with emergency planning for the future. These emergencies pertain to the likelihood of increased flooding, drought, extremes of heat and cold and severe storms. The grant has three parts:

• **Resilient Roads:** Assessing culverts and engineering road plans to mitigate flooding. Rick Adamcek, Dept. of Public Works is responsible for this part of the grant.

• **Resilient Campus:** Assessing and repairing the Community Center/Library so the building is ready to be used as a heating/cooling center when needed during power outages and other emergencies. The Energy Committee and Select Board Committee are working on the heating/cooling center assessment and evaluation.

• **Resilient Communication:** A newly formed group called *Connect Pelham: Helping to Bring Our Community Together*, is responsible for ways to develop stronger connections between the townspeople, staff and residents. The current members of this group are: Lee Halasz, paid grant administrator and school parent, Karen Ribeiro, Select board, Abbie Jenks, Planning Board, Wendy Weinberg, Garden Committee member, Vincent Frano, community member and business owner (Bower Studio) and Lisa Desjarlais, Elementary School Principal.

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## YOUR IDEAS

**The Town is in need of your ideas about how Pelham may become a greener community. If you have anything to share, please email, [stanswiercz@comcast.net](mailto:stanswiercz@comcast.net).**

We have until June 30 to accomplish goals of the grant and are well underway with fun workshops, potlucks and gatherings!

Please join in by taking this online survey tracking skills and assets: <https://bit.ly/2ADAdaz>

**Questions?**  
**Contact Lee Halasz at [leehalasz@gmail.com](mailto:leehalasz@gmail.com)**

## RESULTS: VOTERS AMEND ZONING, PASS 42K FOR HOUSING SUPPORT, REJECT ELECTRIC VEHICLE STATION

### RESULTS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING October 15, 2018

The October 15, 2018 Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Daniel Robb, at 7:08 p.m.

**Article 1. VOTED unanimously to amend the Zoning Bylaw**, Chapter 125, Section 125-5, Table 1, Schedule of Use Regulations, under "Restaurant / Bar / Entertainment with building footprint greater than 2,500 sq. ft.", by deleting, under Village Center Mixed-Use, the words Site Plan Approval (SPA) and substituting Special Permit (SP). Action taken 10/15/18.

**Article 2: VOTED unanimously to amend the Zoning Bylaw**, Chapter 125, Section 125-9.1C(5), by inserting the word "attached" before "accessory apartment" to read: "The attached accessory apartment shall be designed so that the appearance of the building remains that of a one-family residence. In general, any new entrances to the accessory apartment shall be located on the side or rear of the building." Action taken 10/15/18.

**Article 3. VOTED unanimously to amend the Zoning Bylaw**, Chapter 125, Section 125-26C(1), by changing "planning board" to "granting authority" and adding the words "Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals" in the final sentence of the first paragraph to read: "The granting authority shall, within 15 days, transmit one copy each to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, the Building Inspector, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Board of Selectmen, Highway Department, Fire Department and Police Department [Amended 5-4-1991 ATM, Art. 18] who shall review the application and submit their recommendations and comments to the granting authority concerning;". Action taken 10/15/18.

**Article 4. VOTED** to accept the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, in association with the Housing Committee, and working in partnership

with the Valley Community Development Corporation to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund balance the sum of \$42,000 to provide two (2) \$15,000, 0% interest, five-year deferred payment loans for down payment and closing costs to low/moderate income households earning 100% or less of the Area Median Income to assist them in the purchase of a home in the Town of Pelham. Action taken 10/15/18.

**Article 5. VOTED** to accept the recommendation of the Community Preservation Commission, in association with the Conservation Commission, and working in partnership with The Kestrel Trust to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund balance the sum of \$36,000 for the purchase of a conservation restriction on two parcels of land located on North Valley Road, currently owned by Donald F. Fennessey, Assessors' Map and Lot numbers 3-66 and 4-22, totaling 44.75 +/- acres. Action taken 10/15/18.

### Article 6. DEFEATED Yes 23, No 28

[To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of installing four electric vehicle charging stations in the community center parking lot, provided that no sums shall be expended hereunder unless 100% of the costs of interconnecting to the charging stations are covered by a funding grant (including cabling, trenching, meter socket, and other electrical components) and 50% of the costs of the charging stations are covered by a funding grant, or take any other action relative thereto.]

The business of the warrant having been completed, the meeting voted to dissolve at 8:57 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2018.

# A SHORT 12 YEARS Call to Action

## ROUNDTABLE MARCH 5

Recent alarming national and international reports are the topic of the upcoming Roundtable:

The 4th Governmental Climate Assessment and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change both recently announced that, to ensure the continuation of a habitable Earth, able to support life as we know it, **we must significantly reduce the use of fossil fuels within these next 12 years.** In response to this important news, the Pelham Select Board is convening a special Roundtable of all Pelham boards and committees, in the hopes that the creativity, courage and tenacity needed to address this crisis is present in our current local leaders.

**THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. PLEASE JOIN US ON MARCH 5 IN THE PELHAM LIBRARY RAMSDELL ROOM.**

### Excerpts from the 4th National Climate Assessment, released Nov. 29, 2018

"Earth's climate is now changing faster than at any point in the history of modern civilization, primarily as a result of human activities. The impacts of global climate change are already being felt in the United States and are projected to intensify in the future—but the severity of future impacts will depend largely on actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to the changes that will occur."

"neither global efforts to mitigate the causes of climate change nor regional efforts to adapt to the impacts currently approach the scales needed to avoid substantial damages to the U.S. economy, environment, and human health and well-being over the coming decades."

### Excerpt from *Global Warming of 1.5°C*, a report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) October 2018:

"Strengthening the capacities for climate action of national and sub-national

authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities can support the implementation of ambitious actions implied by limiting global warming to 1.5°C (high confidence)".

**Op-Ed excerpt by John Kerry\*** for the *New York Times* on December 13, 2018, entitled *Forget Trump. We All Must Act on Climate Change*:

"But the test is not whether the nation's cities and states can make up for Mr. Trump's rejection of reality. They can."

## Pelham's Question is, How?



• John Kerry served as the 68th United States Secretary of State from 2013 to 2017, and represented Massachusetts in the United States Senate from 1985 to 2013.

## NOTES FROM THE PELHAM LIBRARY

What a fall at the Pelham Library! There has been so much going on, from the interactive timeline for Pelham's 275th anniversary celebration to community meetings on climate change and political choices to concerts by Dick Moulding and Nigel Cox (in memorial to our dear friend Paul Berube) to a dried flower swag workshop. Our Wednesday afternoon teen group has had film showings, cupcake decorating and a tarot reading workshop. The little ones have been enjoying yoga storytime, music with Wendy Plummer, playgroups and a brand new puzzle and game shelf. Encaustic paintings by Michelle Barnet Cutting were on exhibit in the Ramsdell Room, the latest in a wonderful series of artists to exhibit here. The Historical Society continues its collaboration with us through a program on New England vegetables and co-sponsorship of our annual Holiday Tea. That's all on top of our ever-expanding collection of books, periodicals, audiobooks, e-books, movies, puppets, puzzles, museum passes, science kits, graphic novels... the list goes on and on. Our ebook offerings have increased as well, so even when you can't get to the library you can download content onto your devices at home. If you don't have

a library card yet, what are you waiting for? Come in and see some of the wonderful things that we offer.

We're bidding a sad goodbye to Candace Bradbury-Carlin, who has taken a job as the director of the Tilton Library in Deerfield. We wish her well in her new adventure. By the time you read this, we'll have found a wonderful new person to join our staff, so be sure to come in and introduce yourself.

We are lucky to have a wonderful staff, but volunteers are crucial to the functioning of any public library. If you have an hour or two to spare each month (or more!) please consider helping us out. We can always use a hand with shelving, organizing, watering the plants and general tidying up. Of course, if you have a special area of interest or expertise and would like to do a program, or if you are an artist interested in having an exhibit in the Ramsdell Room let us know. We'll talk. You can also join the Friends of the Pelham Library, who are busily planning ways to use the windfall we received from the estate of Virginia Davis, including sprucing the place up, hosting a

volunteer recognition party and purchasing more museum passes and e-content. They're always looking for new members to contribute energy and ideas..

Stay warm, enjoy the season, and come visit us at the Pelham Library!

Jodi Levine, Director

### SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

MIIA INSURANCE HAS A RISK MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM WHICH PELHAM APPLIES TO EVERY YEAR. THIS YEAR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WAS AWARDED \$1,930 TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL TWO BACK UP SENSORS AND CAMERAS ON TRUCKS. ALSO, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A GRANT AWARD OF \$5,270 TO INSTALL A DASH CAMERA IN ONE OF THE POLICE CRUISERS. CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH DEPARTMENTS!

There are many ways you can effect change.

Here are two:

CHILD FIND NOTIFICATION

Pelham School is obligated by regulations to engage in special education and Section 504 "Child Find" efforts for those students attending private schools, at parent expense, who may be eligible for special education services or accommodations and supports under Section 504.

If you believe your child has a disability and requires accommodations, related services, auxiliary aids and devices and/or assistive technology; in order to fully participate in the programs offered by the Pelham or Amherst-Pelham Regional School District, you may refer your child for an evaluation under Section 504 by contacting the Student Services Office at (413)362-1833 or Pelham School at (413)362-1100.

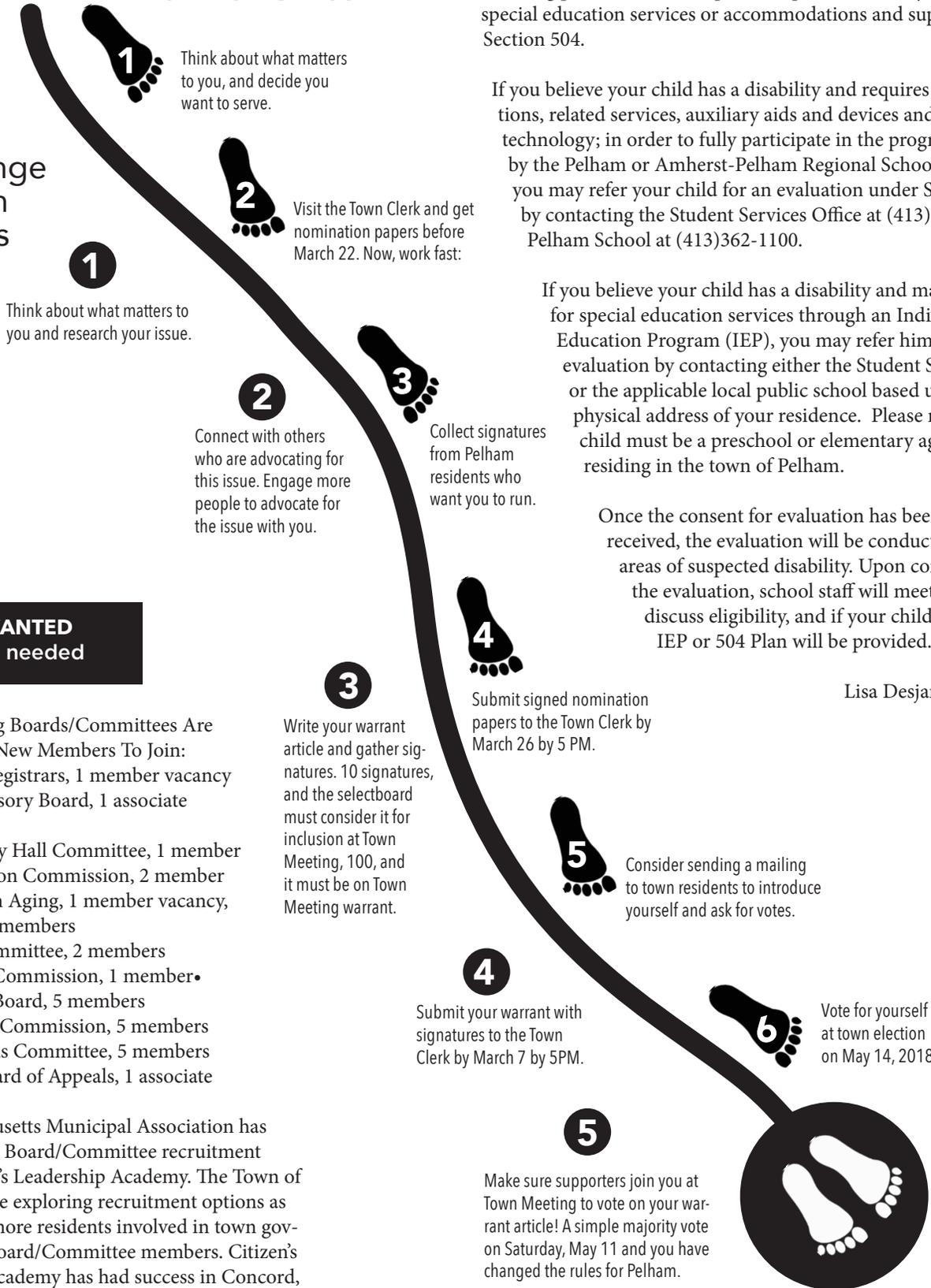
If you believe your child has a disability and may be eligible for special education services through an Individualized Education Program (IEP), you may refer him/her for an evaluation by contacting either the Student Services Office or the applicable local public school based upon the physical address of your residence. Please note that your child must be a preschool or elementary aged student residing in the town of Pelham.

Once the consent for evaluation has been signed and received, the evaluation will be conducted to assess areas of suspected disability. Upon completion of the evaluation, school staff will meet with you to discuss eligibility, and if your child is eligible, an IEP or 504 Plan will be provided.

Lisa Desjarlais, Principal

Run For Office

Change Town Rules



**1** Think about what matters to you, and decide you want to serve.

**2** Visit the Town Clerk and get nomination papers before March 22. Now, work fast:

**1** Think about what matters to you and research your issue.

**2** Connect with others who are advocating for this issue. Engage more people to advocate for the issue with you.

**3** Collect signatures from Pelham residents who want you to run.

**4** Submit signed nomination papers to the Town Clerk by March 26 by 5 PM.

**3** Write your warrant article and gather signatures. 10 signatures, and the selectboard must consider it for inclusion at Town Meeting, 100, and it must be on Town Meeting warrant.

**5** Consider sending a mailing to town residents to introduce yourself and ask for votes.

**4** Submit your warrant with signatures to the Town Clerk by March 7 by 5PM.

**6** Vote for yourself at town election on May 14, 2018

**5** Make sure supporters join you at Town Meeting to vote on your warrant article! A simple majority vote on Saturday, May 11 and you have changed the rules for Pelham.

**Get elected! And serve your town.**

**HELP WANTED**  
You are needed

The Following Boards/Committees Are Looking For New Members To Join:

- Board of Registrars, 1 member vacancy
- Cable Advisory Board, 1 associate member
- Community Hall Committee, 1 member
- Conservation Commission, 2 member
- Council On Aging, 1 member vacancy, 2 associate members
- Energy Committee, 2 members
- Historical Commission, 1 member
- Personnel Board, 5 members
- Recreation Commission, 5 members
- Space Needs Committee, 5 members
- Zoning Board of Appeals, 1 associate member

The Massachusetts Municipal Association has a resource for Board/Committee recruitment called Citizen's Leadership Academy. The Town of Pelham will be exploring recruitment options as a way to get more residents involved in town government as Board/Committee members. Citizen's Leadership Academy has had success in Concord, MA and in early 2018, been put into action in Auburn, MA. Stay tuned for more about this!

FOR A MORE ENERGY-EFFICIENT, SUSTAINABLE, TOWN



Our mission continues to be to do all we can to help reduce Pelham's reduce greenhouse gas emissions while keeping the town affordable for all. We currently have two openings for new members and encourage anyone interested in the Energy Committee to get involved, come to meetings, and help out with your own skills. We are here to serve the community, and we would greatly appreciate your help.

RESILIENT CAMPUS INITIATIVE

Currently the Energy Committee is overseeing planning for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Resilient Campus initiative. This initiative seeks to develop the capability to provide heating, cooling, and other essential services on the Community Center and Elementary School campus in the event of an emergency, particularly a prolonged power outage. This work is funded by a \$39,000 MVP Action Grant and a \$12,500 Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) grant. Work completed and underway includes:

The town hired Precision Decisions LLC, using META grant funds, to evaluate the ability of the Elementary School and the Community Center roofs to support solar panels. The firm determined that significant sections of the roof are suitable for installing photovoltaic (PV) panels. Due to orientation and structural limitations, the Community Center is not a good candidate for PV.

R. W. Hall Consulting Engineers have completed a comparison of a Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) Heat Pump system and a Ground-Source Heat Pump system to replace the aging and failing boiler and air conditioning systems in the Community Center. On the grounds of lower cost and simpler installation and operation it was decided to move forward with the design of a VRF system. Upon completion, these studies will be used as the basis of a Green Communities grant application to fund all or part of system installation.

The Highway Superintendent and Energy Committee Members performed an inspection of the Community Center lower level to assess the status of long standing moisture issues. Tests showed that no moisture is coming through the floor pad in spite of significant flow under the building. Indications are that improved drainage between the Community Center and Elementary School, and a downspout extension on the southeast corner of the library, have stopped most of the moisture infiltration.

Building Sciences Corporation (BSC) was hired to determine the cause of mold on several vents in the library. BSC determined that moisture that used to escape through the leaky roof was being trapped by the newly insulated and sealed roof. Dehumidifiers have been installed in the library attic to remove this trapped moisture. The new HVAC system design will include active ventilation with an Energy Recovery Ventilator that will also help remove trapped moisture.

To get a better understanding of how the Community Center Building is operating, the Energy Committee has purchased temperature and humidity sensors and electrical load sensors. The temperature and humidity sensors have been installed at various locations and are collecting useful information. The electrical sensors will be put into service as soon as an electrician is available to install them.

The Energy Committee is discussing a scope of work with the Cadmus Group to evaluate the energy needs for the Resilient Campus initiative of the MVP Action Grant, including photovoltaics and electricity storage needs.

OTHER PROJECTS

In the Fall of 2017 the Energy Committee arranged for a Mass Save energy assessment of the Community Center, Rhodes Building, and the Highway Garage. The auditors recommended replacing most of the lights and fixtures with LED technology. Total project cost was estimated at \$36,832. Mass Save provided \$5,773. The Energy Committee applied for and received a Green Community grant for the remaining \$31,059. The lighting retrofit project will be completed by the end of December 2018.

An Energy Committee representative is working with representatives from Amherst and Northampton to study the potential of a joint municipal aggregation using the Community Choice Energy Plus model, as authorized by Spring 2018 Town Meeting. This inter-municipal task force has been meeting for seven months and is currently seeking grant funding to hire consultants to help answer economic and process questions.

The Energy Committee has begun a conversation with the Pelham Elementary School Committee, staff, and community, to see how we can help the school community reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve energy efficiency. We are currently seeking parents and other members of the school community who would like to help with this initiative.

The Energy Committee would like to do even more, but we need help. Please consider joining us in helping Pelham work for a sustainable future.

Stan Swiercz, Chair

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Questions ? Call Selectboard Assistant, Susannah Carey 253-7129



## PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has had a very busy and productive year. At Spring Annual Town Meeting in May, the new West Pelham Town Center by-laws passed. We may need to make some adjustments to the bylaws as we work with the new law and regulations and establish a protocol to handle proposals made under the terms of the new bylaw.

The Planning Board spent over three years working with a consultant from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), using with documents developed by other boards and commissions over the years to develop three new zones in the area around the school and library complex. The vision for a town center was not new, however, having been discussed for over 30 years by town officials, but with the advent of the sewer line on Amherst Road, the vision finally came to fruition. I want to acknowledge and honor my fellow Planning Board members for their dedication and hard work to make this happen. And we are grateful for the technical assistance from Dillon Sussman, our PVPC consultant.

Since then, we have been hard at work on two related projects. First, we are working with another consultant from the PVPC, Patty Gambarini, to develop Storm Water Management by laws for the town center. Over time, denser housing and business will develop in West Pelham and the town must create a workable plan to manage storm water runoff so that our streams, wetlands, and groundwater are not damaged and our storm drains not overtaxed. Water must be managed to stay on site and not allowed to flood neighboring properties or contribute to increased pollution.

Second, we are working with two additional PVPC consultants, Becky Basch and Corrin Meise-Munn, to devise a plan for adding walkways, bikeways and traffic calming measures on Amherst Road, to create a vibrant and safe, walkable/bikeable area in the Center. We will have both plans completed by the end of December although implementation and revision will be undertaken over months and years and will not be immediate. The new Storm Water Management by laws will be brought to town meeting in May, 2019, for approval by the town.

Development activity in the Town Center is already proposed, namely a proposal to develop elder affordable housing at the HRD press property. The Housing Committee has been working with us and the Zoning Board on this project and as time goes on, more will be shared with the Pelham community.

And a note of clarification: The Planning Board will have oversight for any new development in the Town Center with the Zoning Board retaining oversight for the remainder of the town. In the case of the elder housing, review will be under the purview of the Zoning Board as it is a larger development than the bylaw permits and falls under the provisions of state law Ch 40B that requires the Zoning Board to be the granting authority. If there are any questions, please contact Abbie Jenks, Chair, through the town website system.

On behalf of the Planning Board members, Lexi Dewey, Judith Eiseman, Pete Wilson and Leslie Laurie, we thank the town for the support it has provided in our work to make Pelham a vibrant, safe and attractive town.

Abbie Jenks, Chair, Judy Eiseman, Leslie Laurie, Lexi Dewey, & Pete Wilson

# IN PRINT: PELHAM ELEMENTARY'S GOT TALENT

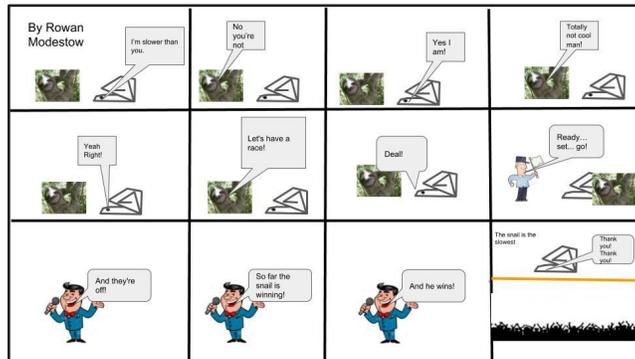


## Pelham Paw Prints

A student-run newspaper

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### Humor By Ashlyn C.

One time when I was going home from school on the bus,

I pulled out my book and started reading. Then the bus driver pulled up at my house, of course I didn't see because I was reading so the bus driver kept going. Eventually we got all the way back to school and he had to check the seats so there he found me, my book, and my backpack.

So he asked me, "Why are you still on the bus?" and I said I don't know because my head was in the book. Literally I was inside the book.

So that is the story of how I missed my stop.



### Interview with Ms. Genesis By: Marit Gubrium

Today I interviewed Ms. Genesis, who is the new secretary in the Pelham Elementary school office.

When asked where she grew up, Ms. Genesis said, "I grew up in Arecibo, Puerto Rico and I was there until I was ten years old and went to elementary school there. I have three sisters and one brother." One of her sisters and her brother lives in Florida and the other two live in Massachusetts. One of her sisters is a secretary like her. Her oldest sister is a firefighter and a paramedic, and her other sister is a cosmetologist. With her sisters she loves to shop, and what she calls, "Fun girl stuff." With her brother she just likes to go hang out at the beach. Ms. Genesis says she moved to the valley because...

"My mom got married and decided to move with her husband to Amherst," That's why she came to live in the valley. She says, "I hated it. It was horrible." She didn't speak any English and she says, "The culture was very different." When asked what some of her favorite things to do she says, "I don't like hiking or any stuff like that." She says she likes doing risky stuff like repelling, which is basically when you jump off cliffs with a rope and other fun things like that. She also likes to drive big trucks. **Cont. on page 3**



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### Interview with Ms. Genesis (cont.)

One of her favorite foods is pasta and she says, "It's one of the greatest things on earth." She loves ice cream and her favorite kind of ice cream is rocky road, she likes rice and what she says are "typical foods from Puerto Rico." Her favorite kinds of music are: rock music, classical music, and some country music. Ms. Genesis' favorite genres to read are mysteries, and science fiction. Her favorite book in elementary school was the Junie B. Jones series. Both of her parents were from Puerto Rico and they were both born and raised there. Her dad is an officer in the army and her mom is a pharmacist. Ms. Genesis has always been close to her parents. Her favorite movies are The Mummy and Avatar. She likes organized things, and working with kids. That is the end and have a good day.

### For Foodies by Mia Alleez-Berge Bueno Y Sano

Do you like burritos? Or tacos? How about nachos? Well if you do, Bueno Y Sano is the place for you!

Some really good foods are, if you eat meat, the chicken and bean burrito. I like it because it has a lot of flavor, and it also has a bunch of different veggies. My dad likes the grande version. My mom is a big fan of the broccoli and other veggie burrito. My mom likes this burrito because she likes to stay healthy, and it has all vegetables. It is completely vegetarian. They also have some delicious sauces that are good on any Mexican food. Marit Gubrium says that the chimichangas there are amazing! (Marit likes hers with meat, cheese, and lettuce. She also likes hers to be very deep fried.) My family has been going to Bueno Y Sano for about one or two years.

Another thing is the service there is wonderful! They are so friendly. The say "hi" in a very happy way. It is very loud because the cooks are always yelling "order up!" They keep the lights down quite low, and there is a disco ball hanging from the ceiling!

You should definitely check it out!



### The Red Zone By Scott Rhodes and a random kid named Sam Woodruff

The Red Zone is absolutely the worst thing that was ever invented. Most people would agree with that, like a random kid named Scott who's helping me write this.

"What?" says the random kid named Scott. "I was just saying how the Red Zone, not the NFI, the other one, that is the stupidest thing in the world besides short recess. They really should change that don't you agree?" says a random kid named Sam.

"Yes, the worst thing in the world, whatever now can I write."

"NO!!!! MY STORY!"

"ALL RIGHT, I'M TAKING OVER." Okay, so the real writer here is me, and I am mad. So back to the Red Zone, so Sam didn't even explain what the Red Zone is. The Red Zone is what makes you not be able to go outside in the winter and the thing that lets you not be able to go outside when it's too hot, so here's what a random kid named Rowan thinks...

"It is totally stupid brah."  
"Hey Scott, why is there a random picture of Fortnite?"

"Because it is awesome and everyone should play it." Okay so that wraps it up. The Red Zone is the stupidest thing in the world. Goodbye!

## MEETING SCHEDULE

### REGULAR

#### Board of Assessors

3rd Tuesday at 7:30 PM  
Rhodes Building, 351 Amherst Road

#### Board of Health

2nd Tuesdays at 7 PM  
Rhodes Building, 351 Amherst Road

#### Board of Selectmen

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6 PM  
Library, then School, 2 South Valley Rd

#### Cemetery Commission

2nd Tuesday at 7:30 PM  
Pelham Library, 2 South Valley Road

#### Conservation Commission

2nd and last Thursdays at 7 PM  
Rhodes Building, 351 Amherst Road

#### Community Preservation Committee

3rd Thursdays at 7 PM  
Pelham Library, Ramsdell Room  
2 South Valley Road

Please note that these are only anticipated meeting times and locations:

By law, definitive meeting information is posted 48 hours in advance 24/7 on the [TownofPelham.org](http://TownofPelham.org) website.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to accessibility concerns, meetings not reliant on records are not currently held at the Rhodes Building until further notice.

#### Energy Committee

1st Tuesdays and as needed 7:30 PM  
Pelham Library, 2 South Valley Road.

#### Historical Commission

3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 PM  
Pelham Library, 2 South Valley Road

#### Library Trustees

3rd Wednesdays at 7 PM  
Pelham Library, 2 South Valley Road

#### Planning Board

2nd Mondays at 7 PM  
Pelham Library, 2 South Valley Road

#### School Committee

1st Wednesday at 6 PM  
Pelham Library, Ramsdell Room  
2 South Valley Road

### VARIABLE

#### Council on Aging

As needed, please see posting.  
Pelham Library, Ramsdell Room  
2 South Valley Road

#### Finance Committee

As needed at 6 PM, see posting.

### Public Bodies that also meet as needed:

The Capital Planning Committee,  
Community Hall Committee,  
Cultural Council, Garden Committee,  
Housing Committee,  
Regional School District Planning Committee,  
Zoning Board of Appeals.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to the Pelham Historical Society, Pelham Library, Elementary School, Linda Hanscom, Fire Department, and others involved with planning, organizing, making phone calls, picking up signage, setting up, taking down, etc. for the 275th Anniversary Celebration. Your hard work did not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated! There was a great turnout at all 4 locations with special craftspersons at Community Hall and Old Town Hall. The Library had an interactive timeline of Pelham's history while the Elementary School featured children's work on display inside with the local Fire Department truck on hand outside. Locally made tiles to mark this special milestone for Pelham are still available for sale at the Library. Again, thank you to those who made Pelham's 275th Anniversary in October a very memorable event!



Photo courtesy of Joe Larson

## POLICE PERSONNEL CHANGES

The Full Time Police Officer position that was filled in December is currently vacant.

The Department is accepting applications for that position and will begin the interview process soon. If there are any questions about the vacancy, please contact Chief Gary Thomann at (413) 253-0484.

## TOWN OFFICES, SCHEDULES & CONTACTS

### Assessor's Office

Lori Turati, 253-0734  
PelhamAssessor@comcast.net  
Tuesday and Thursday, 8 AM–12 PM

### Collector/Treasurer

June Masee, 253-2267  
PelhamCollector@comcast.net  
Monday–Thursday 8 AM–4 PM

### Selectmen's Office, Admin. Assistant

Susannah Carey, 253-7129  
PelhamAdministrator@comcast.net  
Monday–Thursday, 9 AM–3 PM

### Temporary Town Clerk

Sandra Burgess, 253-0512  
PelhamTownClerk@comcast.net  
New office hours until June 1, 2019  
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday  
10am–2pm.

## PELHAM LOCAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR MAY 14, 2019

### OFFICES TO BE PLACED ON THE 2019 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BALLOT

OFFICE	NUMBER AND TERM TO BE ELECTED	INCUMBENT
Board of Selectmen	one for 3 years	Pearson
Board of Assessors	one for 3 years	Rowell
Board of Health	one for 3 years	Hall
School Committee	one for 3 years	Castenson
Library Trustees	two for 3 years	Barton, Hubley
Planning Board	one for 5 years	Wilson
Moderator	one for 1 year	Robb
Auditor	one for 1 year	Vacant
Cemetery Commission	one for 3 years	Barton
Hampshire County Council of Governments	one for 3 years	Trickey
Community Preservation Committee	one for 3 years	Reiman

## FROM THE ASSESSOR

### First quarter tax bills are due on Friday, February 1st, 2019.

All abatements must be submitted before Friday, February 1st, 2019. US postal post mark is acceptable for abatements only. Please be advised that the Town Offices are closed on Fridays.

Exemptions for Real Estate are available for Seniors, Veterans, Blind and Surviving Spouses for those who qualify. Please inquire on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 to noon if you have any questions regarding qualifications. (413-253-0734)

### WHAT IS NEEDED FOR VEHICLE ABATEMENT?

You must have two proofs of what happened to the car and plates.

One of the following is required for all abatement requests, cancelled plate receipt, lost plate affidavit or new registration if the plates were transferred.

Additionally, Bill of sale or letter from insurance company identifying the vehicle totaled.

If the car was stolen, a police report, which ever applies. All must identify the vehicle.

If you move out of state, a copy of the new state registration is needed.

Please be aware that the bill will be pro-rated by month and the bill should be paid. Applying for an abatement does not stay the payment of the bill. If the car was stolen, a police report, which ever applies. All must identify the vehicle.

### REAL ESTATE TAXES

The next payment for Real Estate taxes is due February 1, 2019. If you need a copy of your tax bill or need to learn the amount due please call the Collector/Treasurer, June Masee, at (413) 253-2267.

The Collector's office hours are Monday -Thursdays, 8:00AM-4:00PM at the Rhodes Building Town Offices, 351 Amherst Road.

## 2019 RECYCLING DATES

ITEMS THAT CAN BE RECYCLED\* may be brought to Pelham Elementary School at 45 Amherst Road on the **1st Saturday of each month, from 9 AM–12 PM**

If the first Saturday falls on a holiday or Town election, then the recycling date will be delayed by one week. Please check dates on the notice board at TownofPelham.org.

### \*ITEMS THAT CAN BE RECYCLED:

Paper - newspaper, magazines, catalogs, white paper, cereal type boxes, corrugated cardboard, junk mail, & brown paper bags.

Containers - glass bottles, metal & aluminum cans, foil, plastics #1 - #6, wax-coated juice / milk cartons, & drink boxes.



*Please do not use plastic bags for any recycling. Thank you.*

## REMINDER FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

### Open Air Burning Season January 15th - May 1st

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